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Attn: Nancy Levin, Kathy Dadey

Dear Lisa Hanf and Nancy Woo,

Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) respectfully request your concurrence on the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) for the State Route 65 Lincoln Bypass project. Caltrans and FHWA propose that the D 13 North Modified Alternative be considered the LEDPA.

Caltrans and FHWA met with you, Tim Vandlenkski, Brent Maier, Nancy Levin and Kathy Dadey on January 13, 2003 to discuss the requests for concurrence sent on September 30, 2002 and December 5, 2002. Also attending that meeting were Rod Campbell, Community Development Director for the City of Lincoln and Richard Robinson, Congressman Doolittle's representative.

EPA expressed continued concern regarding the cumulative impacts of the Lincoln Bypass and a concern that indirect impacts were not adequately addressed. EPA did not feel that the claim of 469 residents impacted by the AC alternatives was valid, considering that some of the homes are not built yet and requested that there be a distinction between occupied homes and empty lots.

On January 27, 2003 Karen McWilliams emailed Nancy Levin a table representing the number of homes affected by the AC alternatives, and the portion of those homes that belong to Foskett Ranch, which is the only subdivision in the study area that hasn't been

built yet. Per our discussion on January 30, 2003, Nancy Levin agreed that the information presented in the table was sufficient to address EPA's concerns regarding actual impacts to residents. Caltrans and FHWA understand that this additional information will allow EPA to make a determination on the LEDPA. Attachment A lists the criteria for determining an impracticable alternative.

Caltrans also understands that EPA will soon be sending an outline of information to assist with our response to the cumulative and indirect impacts concerns expressed in EPA's comment letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Caltrans, FHWA, the City of Lincoln and Placer County appreciate your prompt consideration of this supplemental information, and concurrence on the proposed LEDPA for this vital and much-needed transportation project. If you have any questions, please contact either myself at (916) 274-0588 or Karen McWilliams at (916) 274-0631. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John D. Webb, Chief North Region Environmental Services

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